

at Rajkot are relayed by the respective high power (10 KW) transmitters covering between them an area of about 82,900 Sq. Kms. (including the area receiving fringe service).

(b) Arrangements have been made to link via satellite all the high power and low power TV transmitters in Gujarat to Doordarshan Kendra, Ahmedabad during 1992 so as to enable them to relay the regional service programmes originating from Doordarshan Kendra, Ahmedabad. With the introduction of this regional service, Gujarati programmes are envisaged to be available in an area of about 1,23,290 Sq. Kms. (including the area receiving fringe service).

(c) and (d) A high power (10 KW) TV transmitter with its antenna mounted on a 300 M high RCC TV tower in replacement of the existing low power (100 W) TV transmitter is under establishment at Bhuj at present. On its commissioning, the area coverage is envisaged to increase by about 26,600 Sq. Kms.

[Translation]

Import of Newsprint

*494. DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEYA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) the quantity of newsprint imported during 1990-91;
- (b) the quantity likely to be imported during 1991-92; and
- (c) the annual domestic production of newsprint in the country vis-a-vis its demand?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) 2.26 lakh MT.

(b) STC has contracted imports of 1.67 lakh MTs so far. Further imports of newsprint will depend on availability of free foreign exchange.

(c) The domestic production of newsprint varies from year to year. During 1990-91, domestic production stood at 2.80 lakh MTs. For 1991-92, a production of 2.95 lakh MTs is estimated against a total estimated demand of 5.85 lakh MTs.

[English]

Schemes for Ocean Development

*495. SHRI RAMASHRAY PRA-SAD SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the expenditure incurred on various schemes of the Department of Ocean Development since the last three years, year-wise and scheme-wise; and

(b) the details of the achievements under these schemes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) and (b) A statement indicating the details of the expenditure incurred by the Department of Ocean Development on various schemes and achievements, during the last three years is attached.

STATEMENT

(a) The details of the expenditure incurred by the Department on various schemes during the year 1988-89, 1989-90 and 1990-91 are given in the attached annexure.

(b) The achievements under the various programmes are listed below:

1. *Exploration and assessment of living and non-living resources*:—65 cruises of the two research vessels of the Department in the EEZ which extends upto 200 nautical miles